

address output from the LCD controller 139 is inverted (by converting "0000" to "ffff").

In the above embodiments, signal lines extend through the cavity in the hinge unit to connect the main body and the display unit. However, for example, signal lines may extend from a portion of the main body case, may be covered with a protection member, and, then, may be connected to the display unit.

In the above embodiments, the embodiment wherein the hinge mechanism is arranged at the rear end portion of the main body case, and the embodiment wherein the hinge mechanism is arranged at the central portion of the main body case have been exemplified. However, in each of the embodiments, the hinge mechanism may be arranged at the rear end portion of the main body case or an arbitrary position offset from the rear end portion toward the central portion.

Additional advantages and modifications will readily occur to those skilled in the art. Therefore, the invention in its broader aspects is not limited to the specific details, and representative devices, shown and described herein. Accordingly, various modifications may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the general inventive concept as defined by the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A computer comprising:

a main body unit having a keyboard;

a display/input device having front and back surfaces, and including a display and a coordinate input tablet, said display and said coordinate input tablet being overlapped, so as to form an integrated unit, and attached to the front surface of the display/input device;

a support frame supporting said display/input device;

a first hinge mechanism unit pivotally coupling said support frame to said main body unit, the first hinge mechanism for permitting the support frame to pivot between a closed position wherein said support frame and the display/input device overlay said keyboard, and an open position, wherein said

support frame and the display/input device are angularly displaced from said keyboard; and

a second hinge mechanism unit rotatably coupling said display/input device to said support frame, the input/display device being rotatable between a first position, wherein said front surface faces said keyboard when the support frame and the display/input device are in the closed position, and a second position, wherein said back surface faces said keyboard such that data can be input by means of said display/input device instead of said keyboard when the support frame and the display/input device are in the closed position.

2. A computer according to claim 1, wherein a rotational axis of said first hinge mechanism unit and a rotational axis of said second hinge mechanism unit are parallel with each other.

3. A computer according to claim 1, wherein a rotational axis of said second hinge mechanism unit is perpendicular to a rotational axis of said first hinge mechanism unit.

4. A computer according to claim 3, further comprising coordinate conversion means for vertically inverting an image on said display.

5. A computer according to claim 1, further comprising:

a rotation lock mechanism for locking said display/input device at a predetermined rotational position with respect to the main body unit.

6. A computer according to claim 1, further comprising:

a projecting portion for maintaining a gap between said keyboard and said display/input device when the support frame overlays the main body unit and the display/input device faces the keyboard.

7. A computer according to claim 1, wherein said first hinge mechanism unit is arranged on a rear end portion of said main body unit.

8. A computer according to claim 1, wherein said first hinge mechanism unit is arranged at a position offset from a rear end portion of said main body unit toward a central portion of said main body unit.

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